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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CAB ANNOUNCES NEW TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE
PROCEEDING

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF CAB SEPTEMBER 22 PRESS RELEASE
ANNOUNCING NEW TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE PROCEEDING:

CAB HAS INSTITUTED BROAD INVESTIGATION ON EXPEDITIOUS
BASIS TO CONSIDER RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY TRANSATLANTIC
AUTHORITY OF US SCHEDULED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINES AND
POSSIBLE ADDITION OF 16 US CITIES AS COTERMINAL POINTS
ON SCHEDULED CARRIERS' ROUTE SYSTEMS.

THE INVESTIGATION ALSO WILL CONSIDER WHETHER TO GRANT
SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINES TRANSATLANTIC CARGO AUTHORITY.
CAB HAS IN PAST INDICATED ITS INTENT CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTAL
CARGO AUTHORITY AT SAME TIME THAT IT REVIEWED RENEWAL OF
SCHEDULED CARRIERS' TEMPORARY TRANSATLANTIC AUTHORITY.

SCHEDULED CARRIERS SEEKING RENEWAL OF THEIR TRANS-
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WORLD AIRLINES AND SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES. SUPPLEMENTAL

CARRIERS WHOSE TRANSATLANTIC AUTHORITY WILL EXPIRE IN 1975, ARE CAPITOL INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS, OVERSEAS NATIONAL AIRWAYS, SATURN AIRWAYS, TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, UNIVERSAL AIRLINES AND WORLD AIRWAYS. HOWEVER OTHER US

CARRIERS ARE FREE TO INTERVENE AND A NUMBER OF THEM ARE EXPECTED TO SEEK TRANSATLANTIC AUTHORITY DURING THIS PROCEEDING.

CAB SAID CONSIDERATION OF ADDING US POINTS AS COTERM-INALS IS BEING INCLUDED AMONG ISSUES IN VIEW OF INCREASED CONGESTION AT MANY OF THE EAST COAST GATEWAYS AND CONTINUED INCREASE IN TRANSATLANTIC TRAFFIC. BUT IN ORDER TO AVOID EXPANDING THE CASE TO UNMANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS, AND TO PREVENT ANY DELAY IN CONSIDERING RENEWAL OF EXISTING CARRIERS' TEMPORARY AUTHORITIES, CAB LIMITED TO 16 THE NUMBER OF CITIES TO BE CONSIDERED. THE CITIES WERE SELECTED WITH REGARD TO TRAFFIC GENERATING CAPABILITY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ALL CITIES WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE DOMESTIC COTERM-INAL POINTS. WITH ONE EXCEPTION--HARTFORD, THE CITIES RANK IN THE TOP 25 US CITIES IN TERMS OF DOMESTIC REVENUE PASSENGER MILES GENERATED FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1971.

THE OTHER CITIES ARE DALLAS/FORT WORTH, ATLANTA, CLEVELAND, DENVER, HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY, LAS VEGAS, MIAMI, MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, NEW ORLEANS, PHOENIX, PITTSBURGH, ST. LOUIS, SAN DIEGO AND TAMPA.

CAB SAID IT WILL NOT EXPAND THE CASE TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FOREIGN POINTS OR DOMESTIC "FILL-UP RIGHTS" BETWEEN US COTERM-INAL POINTS. ("FILL-UP RIGHTS" WOULD ENABLE A FLIGHT TO CARRY PURELY DOMESTIC LOCAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN TWO US COTERM-INALS.) BUT THE CAB WILL CONSIDER INCLUSION OF STOPOVER PRIVILEGES AT DOMESTIC COTERM-INALS.

AT SAME TIME, CAB TERMINATED THE EAST COAST POINTS-EUROPE SERVICE INVESTIGATION, WHICH WAS INSTITUTED IN 1967 TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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EAST COAST GATEWAYS TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AT EXISTING GATEWAYS, PRINCIPALLY NEW YORK. CAB NOTED THAT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THAT TIME AND THE PLEADINGS IN THAT CASE ARE STALE.

2. EMBASSIES MAY DRAW ON ABOVE TO ANSWER ANY INQUIRIES RECEIVED.

3. PLEASE REPORT ON GOVERNMENTAL AND AVIATION COMMUNITY
REACTIONS, IF ANY. RUSH

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